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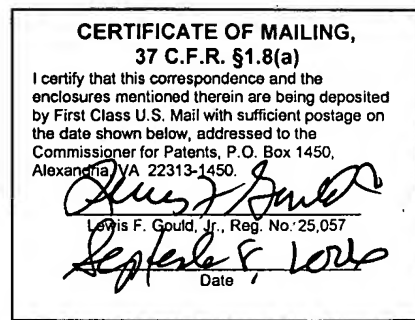
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Tsutomu Watanabe**

Serial No.: 10/828,664

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- ☐ Together with the present application.
- ☒ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]
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- [X] A copy of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449A is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.
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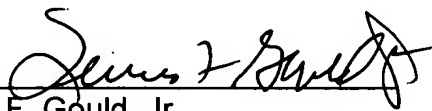
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Respectfully submitted,

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